

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAMOTO, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1641 (prior)**

Serial No.: **Divisional of 09/241,085**

Examiner: **COOK, Lisa V. (prior)**

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For: **PROCESS FOR DETECTING INCREASED RISK OF FETAL CHROMOSOMAL
ABNORMALITY**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 17, 2003

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows: